

that the full amount will not be needed for payments authorized by paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary may use the remaining amount for consumer education and technical assistance regarding the digital television transition and the availability of the digital-to-analog converter box program (in addition to any amounts expended for such purpose under 3005(c)(2)(A) of this title), including partnering with, providing grants to, and contracting with non-profit organizations or public interest groups in achieving these efforts. If the Assistant Secretary initiates such an education program, the Assistant Secretary shall develop a plan to address the educational and technical assistance needs of vulnerable populations, such as senior citizens, individuals residing in rural and remote areas, and minorities, including, where appropriate, education plans focusing on the need for analog pass-through digital converter boxes in areas served by low power or translator stations, and shall consider the speed with which these objectives can be accomplished to the greatest public benefit."

(b) FISCAL YEARS TO WHICH APPLICABLE.—Section 3009(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) is amended—

(1) by striking "fiscal year 2009" and inserting "fiscal years 2009 through 2012"; and

(2) by striking "no earlier than October 1, 2010" and inserting "on or after February 18, 2009".

SA 5015. Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2159, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; as follows:

On page 16, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

"(c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 7(d), the Secretary—

"(1) may accept orders for the coins authorized under this Act during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2008; and

"(2) may mint and issue such coins required to fulfill such orders during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009.

"(d) EXCEPTION TO PROGRAM LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the minting or issuance of coins under this Act in 2009 does not—

"(1) preclude the Secretary from including a surcharge on the issuance of any other commemorative coin minted or issued in 2009; and

"(2) be counted against the annual 2 commemorative coin program minting and issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

"(e) ISSUANCE OF GOLD COINS.—Each gold coin"

SA 5016. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4983 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renew-

able energy and energy conservation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ CASE MANAGEMENT AND HOUSING TRANSITION FUNDING.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—There are appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2008, to the State of Louisiana, \$5,000,000, to be used by the State for case management and housing transition services for families in areas impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005.

(b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the program carried out under this section to determine the effectiveness and limitations of, and potential improvements for, such program.

(2) TIMING OF REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the expiration of the 2-year period described in paragraph (1), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives regarding the results of the study.

(3) REQUIRED CONTENT.—The report required under paragraph (2) shall include a forensic audit that examines the effectiveness of internal controls to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse within the program.

SA 5017. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 588, strike lines 9 through 12, and insert:

(1) by striking "2 years" and inserting "5 years";

(2) by striking "December 31, 1996" and inserting "August 1, 2005"; and

(3) by striking "January 1, 1999" and inserting "January 1, 2010".

SA 5018. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 27, strike lines 4 through 9, and insert the following:

"(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle for such taxable year an amount equal to 10 percent of the purchase price of a residence—

"(1) in the case of an individual who is a first-time homebuyer of a principal residence in the United States during a taxable year, or

"(2) in the case of an individual who—

"(A) is a homebuyer of a principal residence in the United States that is damaged or destroyed as a result of a natural disaster and that has been sold or transferred to a State or an agency or political subdivision thereof as a result of such damage or destruction, and

"(B) submits a certification by the State or by the appropriate agency or subdivision thereof that such residence meets the requirements of subparagraph (A)."

SA 5019. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4983 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 385, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"(12) LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A mortgagor shall not be eligible for insurance under this section, if the adjusted gross income reported by the mortgagor exceeds \$75,000 or in the case of mortgagors filing jointly \$150,000.

"(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'adjusted gross income' has the same meaning given that term in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DODD, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DODD, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Two Years after the MINER Act: How Safe is Mining Today?" on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, at 9:30 a.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Securities, Insurance, and Investment Subcommittee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT
MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE,
AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Management Challenges Facing the Federal Protective Service: What is at Risk?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that three members of my staff, Seth Olson, Charles von Althann, and Eitan Goldstein, be granted the privilege of the floor during today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that Tom Edwards, Jordan August, and Bobby Schena of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of the 110th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE DEFICIT REDUCTION TECH-
NICAL CORRECTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 774, S. 2607.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2607) to make technical corrections to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that an Inouye substitute amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5014) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 5014

(Purpose: To provide for additional consumer outreach and education concerning the digital television transition, and for other purposes.)

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "DTV Transition Assistance Act".

SEC. 2. DTV TRANSITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3008(a) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1) IN GENERAL.—" before "The Assistant Secretary"; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(2) USE OF FUNDS.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of the DTV Transition Assistance Act, the Assistant Secretary shall make a determination, which the Assistant Secretary may adjust from time to time, with respect to whether the full amount provided under paragraph (1) will be needed for payments under that paragraph. If the Assistant Secretary determines that the full amount will not be needed for payments authorized by paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary may use the remaining amount for consumer education and technical assistance regarding the digital television transition and the availability of the digital-to-analog converter box program (in addition to any amounts expended for such purpose under 3005(c)(2)(A) of this title), including partnering with, providing grants to, and contracting with non-profit organizations or public interest groups in achieving these efforts. If the Assistant Secretary initiates such an education program, the Assistant Secretary shall develop a plan to address the educational and technical assistance needs of vulnerable populations, such as senior citizens, individuals residing in rural and remote areas, and minorities, including, where appropriate, education plans focusing on the need for analog pass-through digital converter boxes in areas served by low power or translator stations, and shall consider the speed with which these objectives can be accomplished to the greatest public benefit."

(b) FISCAL YEARS TO WHICH APPLICABLE.—Section 3009(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) is amended—

(1) by striking "fiscal year 2009" and inserting "fiscal years 2009 through 2012"; and

(2) by striking "no earlier than October 1, 2010" and inserting "on or after February 18, 2009".

The bill (S. 2607), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF
THE TREASURY TO MINT COINS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2159 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2159) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that a Dodd-Shelby amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5015) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To extend the period during which the coins may be minted and issued)

On page 16, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

"(c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 7(d), the Secretary—

"(1) may accept orders for the coins authorized under this Act during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2008; and

"(2) may mint and issue such coins required to fulfill such orders during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009.

"(d) EXCEPTION TO PROGRAM LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the minting or issuance of coins under this Act in 2009 does not—

"(1) preclude the Secretary from including a surcharge on the issuance of any other commemorative coin minted or issued in 2009; and

"(2) be counted against the annual 2 commemorative coin program minting and issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

"(e) ISSUANCE OF GOLD COINS.—Each gold coin".

The bill (S. 2159), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2159

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "NASA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration began operation on October 1, 1958, with about 8,000 employees and an annual budget of \$100,000,000;

(2) over the next 50 years, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been involved in many defining events which have shaped the course of human history and